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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, it is requested that the documents listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement By Applicant (PTO/SB/08B) be made of record in this application. These documents were cited in the corresponding French application No. 99 16118 filed on December 21, 1999. A copy of the "Rapport De Recherche Preliminaire" (Preliminary Search Report) is enclosed. In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the possible relevance of the documents is noted on the attached Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (PTO/SB/08B). Copies of the documents are enclosed herewith.

Without any assertion of prior art effect, the documents on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B are called to the Examiner's attention. Although the relevance of each document has been briefly indicated, the Examiner is

urged to make his own determination of relevance and no representation is made nor intended that "better" art is not available.

Respectfully submitted,

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